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Dr. Suellen Reed, Superintendent Indiana Department of Education State House Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2798

To the attention of: Dr. Mary Andis Indiana Department of Education Room 229 State House Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2798

Dear Superintendent Reed,

I write to confirm that I have reviewed the proposed Journalism Standards in depth at each stage of their revision. They are an excellent set of standards of which the Department and the State Board, which will be voting to approve them in October, can be proud.

The revised Journalism Standards consist of a set of academically rigorous standards that covers all aspects and areas of the field comprehensively and in depth. They are organized in a coherent way and contain many excellent suggestions for teacher and student readings that will enable Indiana's teachers and students to address them satisfactorily.

It has been my distinct pleasure to work professionally with two such capable educators and public servants as Mary Andis and Dorothy Winchester.

Sincerely,

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